allotment of distributorship to cooperative societies of 'Government|Government's Local Bodies' is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The present system of allotting LPG destributorships on the basis of selection made by Oil Selection Boards was introduced in 1983.

(b) No, Sir. However, specific complaints, received are looked into and appropriate action taken.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No such proposal is presently under the consideration of the Government.

Installation of community biogas plants

72. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the incentives offered by Government for the installation of community biogas plants;

(b) what is the quantity of cooking gas produced per day and what is the number of house-holds that are catered to by such a plant; and

(c) what is the approximate quantity of firewood kerosene or coal that is saved by the installation of such a biogas plant?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) (a) Government provides full capital cost for installing community biogas plants where sufficient dung is available, if land is made available free of cost and socio-economic factors are favourable. Recurring expenditure towards the initial running period of 6—12 months is also being provided by the Government.

(b) and (c) The size of community biogas plant varies from site to site and depends on availability of feed material. One plant of 85 cu.m gas generation per day would require about 2.25 tonnes of feed material-dung-daily and can cater to the cooking requirement of about 45—55 families. This plant would result in daily saving of about 300 Kg. of fire wood or about 50 litres of kerosene or about 135 Kg. of coal.

Installed capacity of electricity in the North, West South and Eastern regions

73. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity of Electricity in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions and what would be the position of installed capacity after the completion of the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) whether Government feel that something special is required to be done to improve the power position of Eastern region which is the main centre of coal and steel production?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The present installed capacity and that at the end of the Seventh Plan in the four Regions is given below:-

Region	Installed Capacity (MW)	
	At present	At the end of the Seventh Plan
Northern . .	12353·52	18490·02
Western . .	14293·00	19462·50
Southern . .	11658·23	15828·48
Eastern . . .	7555·25	9665·85

(b) A number of measures have already been initiated to reduce the gap between demand and supply in the various Regions in the country including the eastern region.